FY2016-FY2017 Legislative Request
Winona State University
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“When I was younger I never thought I had a chance at the ‘American Dream’ because of how all the odds were stacked against me. I am living proof that dreams do become reality!”

Evan Mitchell
Law Enforcement Alumnus

Opportunities and Challenges
• Legislative investment required to keep tuition affordable for ALL students
• Changing demographics require university to make investments in programs and student services
• Declining enrollment due to a strong state employment climate and demographic factors has resulted in $1,500,000 in budget reductions that have strained university resources and personnel

Legislative Request
• $5,800,000 for faculty and staff salary and benefits increases
• $1,900,000 for other inflationary operating costs

Impact of Legislative Request Shortfall
If the request is not fully funded, one or more of the following will be necessary:
• $7,700,000 cut to the campus or a 8% reduction to the base budget
• Up to 100 faculty and staff layoffs or positions eliminated or numerous program reductions and closures

Enrollment:
Total credit students served ..................................9,993
Full-time students .............................................85.3%
Part-time students ..............................................14.7%
Percent female ..................................................61.1%
Percent male ...................................................38.5%
Percent students of color ..............................8.2%

Degrees offered: Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science-Teaching, Bachelor of Social Work, Certificate, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Graduate Certificate, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Specialist

Largest programs: Nursing, business administration, elementary education, biology, exercise science

Unique programs: Professional science master’s degree in applied research and management, online bachelor’s degree in healthcare leadership and administration, child advocacy studies program, undergraduate materials composite engineering program

Highlights
• Ranked as the second public institution in Minnesota by U.S. News & World Report, has been listed among the “Best in the Midwest” by The Princeton Review for a decade straight and has been recognized as one of America’s 100 Best College Buys for 18 consecutive years
• WSU is the first public university in the Midwest to offer a tablet and a laptop to all students; students are provided an iPad mini or Android-based tablet along with a Mac or PC laptop, and enjoy wireless access from anywhere on campus
• The Education Village in Winona, which received initial funding during the 2013-14 Minnesota legislative session, and the STEM Village in Rochester, currently in the design/build phase of the project, are bold, responsive, community-based initiatives for future teachers

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Tuition and fees (2015-2016): $7,769